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## Parking pick up in the air

**MUNICIPAL MATTERS**

### Council debates its choices for writing tickets



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Halifax regional council deferred a decision Tuesday on who will take over writing parking tickets across the municipality starting this fall.

Halifax Regional Municipality declined to renew its contract with the current contractor, Independent Security Services Atlantic (ISSA), after controversy with its performance. Three company employees — who've since been fired — were charged last fall with writing fake parking tickets.

Municipal staff had recommended granting the new contract to G4S for its bid of \$840,048, taxes in, but councillors chose to look at proposals from ISSA and Commissionaires Nova Scotia.

"For those of us who are in the

urban core, where I think a lot of the parking enforcement happens, there have been ongoing issues and difficulties with how parking enforcement has worked," Coun. Jennifer Watts said.

She noted that the Commissionaires scored the best of any proponent but also had the highest bid, at \$1,049,935.

Coun. Steve Adams and others argued the municipality should renew its contract with ISSA.

"I know that there were some issues with regard to the rogue guys that were writing tickets inappropriately, but I think if you want to Google the recommended proponent, you'll find something far more problematic," Adams said during the meeting.

G4S has been under scrutiny for its employee vetting after news emerged that the gunman in the Orlando shooting worked for the company even after FBI investigations into his behaviour — the latest in a string of issues.

Council directed staff to review all proponents, and make another recommendation.



Dog walkers Karen Murphy and Elly Arthurs walk near Charles Lake, part of Blue Mountain-Birch Cove.

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# Commuter rail should be an election issue: Group

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**Fusion Halifax says proposal is a chance for 'city-building'**



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Commuter rail could change the way people travel, but one Halifax group says it also has "city-building" power.

Tristan Cleveland of Fusion Halifax said Tuesday it was exciting to see the unsolicited commuter rail proposal from VIA Rail come out last week, and is a step towards more effective transit that Fusion, More Than Buses, and the Ecology Action Centre support.

Cleveland said commuter rail is one idea Fusion Halifax is proposing as part of dozens



A Via Rail train sits on the tracks in Halifax on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

in The Little Easy campaign, which aims to make Halifax a city that's fun, easy to live in, and get around.

"This is something I would hope all council candidates get behind, that this becomes ... something for people to get excited about," Cleveland said about the upcoming municipal election.

Cleveland said having rail

service in peak rush-hour times that would whisk people past traffic on the Bedford Highway would be "fantastic," and an important step in getting more businesses into empty office space downtown.

Rail transit isn't just about moving people, Cleveland said, but more importantly a "city-building project"

creating density around the stations with walkable neighbourhoods, shops, and development.

Cleveland said local opportunities could include stations at Sunnyside Mall and Mumford, and there's lots of "underdeveloped land" near those areas.

Long-term, Cleveland said if enough development hap-

pens then bigger investments could come in, and a second track could be added for an all-day schedule.

Pairing commuter and light rail with dedicated bus lanes would

make an ideal network eventually, Cleveland added.

Although Ken Wilson, head of the union that represents Halifax Transit workers, said Sunday he was worried a private company like VIA would run transit for profit and could pull out on short notice,

Cleveland said that "doesn't concern me so much" because the project could begin as a pilot.

"If (VIA) can do it at much lower capital cost ... then let's see how it works, and if one day they feel they need to pull out then the investment will have already been made," Cleveland said.

"I don't see that as any reason to not move forward."

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**CAN COMMUTER RAIL SUCCEED IN HRM?** **HALEY RYAN/METRO**

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"Absolutely! It'll reduce the traffic coming into the city significantly! Some ... (roads) coming in and out of Halifax are a complete mess during rush hour!"  
Leonard MacPherson

"I absolutely believe that commuter rail could work, but only if the cost to use the service is beneficial."  
Samantha Mopaw

"It would cut down on fuel costs and produce less ozone harming gases. But it would also have to be accessible to the handicapped as well."  
Cory Boudreau

"Most definitely. Public transit in HRM is not working. Traffic is far worse than necessary."  
Chris Wood

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"The infrastructure is there, let's make use of it and give Halifax a better option than the roads for commuting."  
@jon\_mcardle

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## + PROPOSAL

VIA's proposal would see a commuter rail run from Windsor Junction to downtown Halifax, and will go to Halifax Regional Municipality's transportation standing committee Thursday.

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## QUINPOOL ROAD

## Female employee assaulted during gas station robbery

Police have arrested a man in connection with two assaults that occurred in Halifax on Monday afternoon during a robbery.

In a release, police said they responded to a call Monday just before 4 p.m. in the 6000 block of Quinpool Road.

A man had entered the gas station and started yelling threats at the employees.

Police said he then grabbed

### + CHARGES

James B. Tweedale is facing two counts of assault, two counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, and one count of choking.

a 31-year-old female employee by the throat and assaulted her.

When a 23-year-old male employee tried to intervene, the accused assaulted him as well.

Both employees went to hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

Witnesses told police the suspect was walking on North Street towards Dublin Street. Officers located the suspect and at 4:10 p.m. arrested James B. Tweedale, 52, without incident.

METRO HALIFAX

## HIGHWAY 1

## Robber threatens store clerk

The 22-year-old clerk who was threatened with a hammer and a knife during an armed robbery at a convenience store late Sunday evening is being described as a 'real trooper' by the store's manager.

Gini Adams-Hudson said the young woman did exactly what she was trained to do, didn't panic, and as the man fled with the cash she was already calling 911. She locked the door and waited for RCMP who arrived at the Wilmot Kwik-Way Convenience Store on Highway

1 within minutes. They were there before Adams-Hudson who lives nearby.

"A lone male entered the store, approached the clerk with a hammer held in the air, and demanded money from the clerk," Annapolis District RCMP said in a media release. "He then threatened her with a small knife."

Police said the suspect is a white male, 18 to 20 years old, about five feet four inches tall, with a thin build. He was wearing a red plaid shirt

or jacket with a grey hood, a white T-shirt, pants and shoes. He used his T-shirt to cover his face during the robbery.

The store was broken into three times last year — October, November, and December, Adams-Hudson said. The last time, thieves used crowbars to smash things, open things, and left the store in a shambles. They even cut exterior power to the alarm and removed the security system.

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An artist's rendering of the development. HRM/CONTRIBUTED

## Council votes for a public meeting

## DEVELOPMENT

### Bid to delay eight-storey building gets little support



Zane Woodford  
Metro | Halifax

A public meeting about a controversial development in the north end of Halifax will soon be scheduled.

The proposal from WM Fares, at 2470 and 2480 Maynard St., the corner of Maynard and Roberts Streets, is for an eight-storey residential building, requiring an amendment

to the municipality's land use bylaws.

In a report tabled during Halifax regional council's Tuesday meeting, staff recommended moving ahead with the development agreement.

A group of activists that lives in the area — the Willow Tree Group — opposes the development on the basis that it's "out of scale" and "of uninteresting urban design and form," and wrote a letter to council urging it to defer a decision on moving forward to a public hearing until after the ongoing Centre Plan is complete.

Coun. Jennifer Watts half-agreed with the group at Tuesday's meeting of regional council, asking her fellow councillors to defer the deci-

sion until a portion of the Centre Plan is completed.

"I would ask that council give this opportunity for the people in this neighbourhood and this community to be able to provide that very direct feedback, to have that recorded and presented back and part of council's ability when they consider moving this forward to public hearing," she said.

In the end, there was little support on council for causing any delay to the development application, and Watts's motion to defer only garnered two votes in favour.

Council voted to move forward with a public hearing on the development, which will happen sometime in the coming months.



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### COUNCIL NOTES

#### Municipality moves towards new digs for police

A Toronto firm has won a contract to make a business case for a new Halifax Regional Police facility. Halifax regional council voted Tuesday to award the contract for an "HRP Facility Replacement Business Case" to Rebanks, Pepper and Littlewood Architects.

The contract means the firm will produce a study to "determine the most operationally efficient, cost-effective configuration and location of police facilities to support the long-term delivery of policing service

in Halifax" at a cost of about \$200,000. The work is expected to begin in two weeks, and take 40 weeks.

The firm has previously designed police headquarters in Kingston, Waterloo and Niagara, Ont.

#### Construction mitigation guidelines become law

Halifax regional council voted Tuesday in favour of a new bylaw that aims to make development easier on businesses. Bylaw A-501, amending Bylaw A-500, got a second reading at council, with staff recommending it be enacted. The bylaw is

designed to address site protection and hoarding; vehicle and pedestrian management; lifting and crane operation; site management (street cleaning, dust, environmental controls); and notification requirements.

The guidelines are a response to the impact of construction of the Nova Centre in downtown Halifax on surrounding businesses. Halifax Regional Municipality has received notice of legal action from several of those businesses.

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO



# Natural wonder

Proponents of the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove wilderness area say it's unique and must be protected. Bob McDonald, chairman of the Halifax North West Trails Association, shares insight with Metro on some of its wonderful aspects. **YVETTE D'ENTREMONT/METRO**



Part of the trail system in the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

## 1 WILD AND UNDISTURBED

"Here's a part of nature accessible by bus that really doesn't have the hand of man on it. It's still really wild, undisturbed potential moose habitat," McDonald said.

"I mean, where else can you experience that sort of thing? It is a wilderness gem so close to the largest population centre in the Maritimes."

## 2 FAVOURITE VIEW

"Up on top of Blue Mountain, it's a 360-degree panoramic view and you can look out to St. Margaret's Bay. If there were any structures on McNabs Island, you'd be able to see them," McDonald said of his favourite view in the wilderness area.

"You can see Tufts Cove. You can see a wind turbine on the Prospect Road. You can see so much. It's really quite awesome. Breathtaking."

## 3 EASIEST WALK

"The shortest, easiest walk is the walk in from behind the Kent Building Supply into Susies Lake. It's a 20- to 30-minute walk and you do the return trip in maybe an hour and a half because people like to spend some time at Susies Lake," McDonald explained. "There's a huge granite outcropping out there. It's popularly called Flagpole Hill. People love to get out there."

## 4 MAIN ACCESS POINTS

- Susies Lake behind Kent Building Supplies in Bayers Lake.
- From Maskwa Aquatic Club, park in lot at the end of Saskatoon Drive.
- Via Whopper Dropper Trail system, near Burger King in Bayers Lake.
- Off Kearney Lake Road via Collins Road.
- End of Anahid Drive in the Kingswood subdivision.
- Canoe/kayak enthusiasts enter directly off Highway 102 near the Bayers Lake exit/entrance.

## 5 CANOEING/PORTAGING

You can spend half a day canoeing every nook and cranny of Susies and Quarry lakes. But if you don't mind portaging, it's possible to do an eight-lake loop in the wilderness area.

"It's like a mini Keji-type experience and you're 10 minutes from home," McDonald said.

"You go to Keji to do that type of expedition, you have to go a lot farther."

## 6 RARE PLANTS

The wilderness area is home to many rare plants. McDonald said he's looking for mountain sandwort.

"It's a little diminutive, white-flowered plant that grows in cracks in the granite ..."

"We've got a little bit of a flora list. It's quite neat. We're always on the lookout for something we don't know," he said.

### DEVELOPMENT

## Blue Mountain-Birch Cove debate delayed



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

After a motion was pulled from the agenda at Tuesday's meeting, Halifax regional council will debate the future of a regional park at Blue Mountain-Birch Cove at next week's meeting.

Coun. Reg Rankin was supposed to make a motion at

Tuesday's meeting asking for staff to create a policy stating exactly how much land Halifax Regional Municipality requires for the long-promised park. Instead, he gave notice that he'll make a longer one next week that also includes the initiation of public consultation, and the release of a map showing city staff's current boundary proposal.

Both motions are a response to a controversial facilitator's

report that recommended allowing residential development on a portion of land that was supposed to make up the park, and that the municipality was supposed to purchase from private landowners based on a 2006 directive from council as part of its regional plan.

"The lines (of the park) were not clear," Rankin said during a break in the meeting.

"Well, he's wrong," Ecology Action Centre wilderness co-

ordinator Raymond Plourde said afterwards.

"It was clearly defined. There is no question about where the boundary is supposed to be. The only question is how much is it going to cost the city to get."

Plourde said Rankin was creating confusion by making these motions before staff finished a report they're working on anyway in response to the facilitator's report.

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## TENNIS

# City to host Davis Cup in September



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World-class tennis is headed back to Halifax this September.

On Tuesday, the draw for the 2016 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas World Group in London resulted in the Canadian Davis Cup team landing a home tiebreaker against Chile from Sept. 16-18.

The Scotiabank Centre in Halifax will host three days of tennis action, which will be played on an indoor hard court.

"We are very happy to be awarded a home tie after two very tough back-to-back road ties in the last year," Canadian Davis Cup team captain, Martin Laurendeau, said in a release Tuesday.

Canada must win in September to remain in the World Group for 2017. A loss would kick the team back to Americas Zone Group I for next year, where it has not played since 2011.

This is the second time since 2014 that Halifax will host a

Davis Cup game. Canada played Colombia here in September of that year, when they scored a 3-2 victory in the World Group play-offs.

Canada is the seeded team with a Davis Cup world ranking of No. 12. Chile is ranked No. 23, the release said. The last time they met was in 2008 where Chile defeated Canada 3-2 in a zone group semifinal in Santiago.

Canada started the season in the World Group for the fifth-consecutive year. The team played its first-round tie on the road against France in Guadeloupe. Canada was without top players Milos Raonic and Daniel Nestor for that tie, which led to a 5-0 defeat at the hands of the French who have now moved on to the semi-finals of the competition after a victory over Czech Republic this past weekend.

The Davis Cup is the largest annual international team competition in sport with more than 135 nations competing. Only 16 countries entered in Davis Cup competition qualify for the World Group each year.



**Milos Raonic of Team Canada** - JEFF HARPER/METRO



**"We are very proud of this program and are planning to continue it as long as we need to, until we get to zero pets left in hot cars."**  
Rebecca Logan

The parking lot monitoring initiative runs from June until September with help from students and security staff. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Pet Patrol proves a 'pawsitive' program

## ANIMAL RESCUE

## Even fewer dogs being left in hot cars at Mic Mac Mall



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

When Mic Mac Mall implemented its Pet Patrol initiative

in 2014, it was in response to management having to call police to assist with a dog left unattended in a hot vehicle.

Now into its third year, Mic Mac Mall representatives say the parking lot monitoring program is a huge success.

The program runs from June until September, with four students working rotating shifts from Thursday to Sunday. The remainder of the time the parking lots are patrolled by security staff as needed when the temperature rises.

In 2014, the program resulted in 425 reported incidents of pets being left unattended in hot cars.

Last year, that number had decreased to 54 reports.

So far this year, as of July 17, only eight incidents have been reported.

"Even if we run the program right until the end of September when the temperature starts to go down, I still don't think we would reach even near what we did last year," Mic Mac Mall marketing director Rebecca Logan said.

"Now I think they (Pet Patrol workers) are actually surprised when they do see a pet in a vehicle. They're like, 'Oh my goodness. There's an actual pet in the vehicle.'"

Logan said if a pet is located inside an unattended vehicle, Pet Patrol members radio mall security. In most cases, owners respond to a call put out in the mall and return to their vehicles.

Police haven't been called to respond since that one call in 2014.

## CRIME

## Police warn public of thefts from vehicles in Dartmouth

Police are warning residents about a rash of thefts from vehicles in the Dartmouth area.

In a media release issued Tuesday, Halifax Regional Police said their crime analysts have noted an increase in thefts from vehicles in the areas of Nadia Drive, Parkstone Road, Albro Lake Road, Jackson Road, Sea King Drive, Woodland Avenue, Lancaster Drive and Fury Drive.

Since July 1, police have received 10 reports of items stolen from inside unattended vehicles in these areas

alone.

In most cases, the vehicles were unlocked with "attractive objects" left in plain sight, the police said.

Police remind people to remove all potentially desirable items from their vehicles, such as global positioning systems (GPS), satellite radios, cell phone chargers, or other equipment that appears valuable, and to lock their doors upon exiting.

If it is necessary to leave items in a vehicle, police advise people to lock them in the trunk out of plain sight

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# Cape Breton islands for the birds

## CONSERVATION

### Habitat serves as sanctuary for migration and nesting

The Bird Islands may just be a Cape Breton treasure that's hidden in plain sight.

The two islands, Hertford and Ciboux, are located off Cape Dauphin and are easily visible from both the east side of the Cabot Trail and the northern end of Boularderie Island.

"The Bird Islands are the most important bird habitat in Nova Scotia and we're committed to ensuring they stay wild and remain pristine," John Paterson, stewardship co-ordinator for the Nova Scotia Nature Trust, said Saturday during a boat trip near the islands.

Earlier this year, the group received Hertford Island from the Nova Scotia Bird Society as part of an overall contribution of seven islands and one coastal property, all of which are important bird habitats.



A bald eagle perches on Hertford Island, now in the hands of Nova Scotia Nature Trust. TC MEDIA

But while the pair of rocky isles, made rugged by water and wind since time immemorial, is wild and captivating, it is not the most visited of Cape Breton's many scenic attractions. In fact, it is forbidden to trespass, as the islands are a wildlife management area designated by the province in 2009.

Although the Bird Islands do not harbour any human population (the lighthouse on Ciboux was manned from 1863 until the 1900s), they are aptly named. They host the largest colony of great cormorants in North America, along with many other species, including Atlantic puffins, razorbills, black guillemots, double-breast-

ed cormorants, black-legged kittiwakes, herring gulls, blue herons and bald eagles. And, of course, there are the more than 200 grey seals that seem to pay little heed to thousands of birds squawking and flying about.

While the islands are a bird-watcher's delight and present never-ending photographic opportunities, they are also of



Spotted: a great cormorant in the classic pose. TC MEDIA

great interest to researchers and conservationists.

Among those who joined the tour was bird society president David Currie, who said the time was right to hand the island over to the trust.

"We just felt it was time to pass it along to the nature trust," he said. "The trust has really grown and we felt it was better suited to take over stewardship of the island and protect them for perpetuity — we couldn't be happier."

Although Hertford, the nearer of the two islands to the Cape Breton coastline, is now in the

hands of the Nova Scotia Nature Trust, its northern sister, Ciboux, remains the property of the provincial and federal governments. TC MEDIA

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## POKEMON GO

## As monster trainers hit streets, businesses try to catch 'em all

The Pokémon Go sign directing people to the front door of Rock Candy Boutique in Halifax has only been up for a week, but Jeff Powers says he is already seeing it pay off.

"Downtown is alive in a way that I haven't seen in a long, long time," said Powers, a manager at the store, which sells various rock music T-shirts, hoodies, hats and other paraphernalia.

"There is just a flood from everybody, from young kids to older adults, and you can tell they're playing this game."

That would be Pokémon Go, which officially launched in Canada on Sunday. The wildly popular video game sends players on a quest to find superimposed animated characters on a map-like interface using the camera on their smartphones. It is currently the most downloaded app in the Apple app store.

Powers said Tuesday the sign has brought people into the store who wouldn't normally shop there but hear it's a good place to play the augmented reality video game.

"This has just blown up bigger than anybody has expected," he said, adding that the various

Pokémon merchandise the store carries have also been flying off the shelves.

"It leads people to travel down streets they normally wouldn't. It's bringing a lot of foot traffic down to the side streets and a lot of people are coming in and buying things because they were just in the area."



**Downtown is alive in a way that I haven't seen in a long, long time.**

Jeff Powers

Some Canadian businesses have been jumping on the craze by actively encouraging potential customers to use their shops as PokéStops or Pokémon gyms — locations to play the game.

But marketing professor Ken Wong cautioned that although it may seem like a no-brainer for businesses to capitalize on Pokémon Go's popularity, it can also backfire.

"It's a statement of what your brand is, who it stands for and

who it seeks to appeal to," said Wong, who is with the Stephen J.R. Smith School of Business at Queen's University.

"While it may generate traffic for you, whether or not that traffic generates profitability in the short, and more importantly, long term is a different story. If you're in a business that needs a promotion to stay in business, you're already on a slippery slope."

Wong said the publicity stunt would mostly profit businesses that appeal to the biggest demographic of Pokémon Go players or have a link to the game — for example, stores that sell cellphone accessories or comic books.

There may be a potential to grow business in the short term, but he doesn't see that enduring.

"Eventually the novelty will wear off. There will always be diehards but it's no different than the Trivial Pursuit craze," he said.

"If you are the right kind of business, get in as soon as you can when the fad has the greatest duration of effect, because if you wait too long, the fad will be over." THE CANADIAN PRESS



A truck heads onto the ferry from P.E.I. on Tuesday. TC MEDIA

## Truckers ticked off at ferry delays

## ECONOMY

### Heavy loads often left at dock, cutting into profits

The ferry service between Wood Islands, P.E.I., and Caribou transports more than 400,000 people a season as well as 14,000 truckers who have become dependent on the service.

Gerald Battist, of Battist Trucking in Abercrombie, said it's having a terrible impact on his business. They truck a lot of gravel and animal feed to the island.

"It's costing us an arm and a leg, the lost time and the man hours," he said. He estimates his drivers are waiting three and a half hours each way for the ferry. But he said to travel around would cost even more.

Truckers waiting at the terminal in Wood Islands on Tuesday expressed similar frustration.

"We're trying to save on fuel, with the price of fuel what it is today," said Perry Smith, who drives for Far East Transport in Nova Scotia.

Wilson said he often hauls loads from Montague, P.E.I., to New Glasgow. When Northumberland Ferries Ltd. (NFL) has its usual two boats running, that trip will take him seven hours.

Now, it's taking him 15 hours, which means rather than two runs a day, he's only able to make one.

"It's quite frustrating. Somebody has to pay the cost (to sit in the terminal waiting). The company doesn't get paid. It's a long day sitting here."

John Van Ouwerkerk, a trucker from Stratford, P.E.I., says what really bugs him is seeing cars late for the scheduled crossing get on the ferry while trucks that were there early get left behind.

"Every time I come down here I am getting left behind," said Van Ouwerkerk. "I'd be better off pushing a shopping cart at Sobeys. We are here filling these boats from May to June and from September to October yet these campers from the United States that won't be back to contribute to the economy are gone and won't be seen again."

Don Cormier, vice-president of operations for NFL, said there is a simple explanation for why late-arriving cars get on while heavy haul trucks sometimes get left behind.

"The explanation is simply that the space that those vehicles would be occupying has restricted head room capacity. We have decks that you can only put vehicles on that are (no more than seven feet high)," Cormier said. "Those trucks would not actually be competing for the same space." TC MEDIA

### Strain on tourists hits inns

Anne Emmett is getting used to the phone calls.

Tourists who had been booked to stay at her Braeside Inn in Pictou often phone in the evening to say they're going to be later than expected because of delays at the ferry.

"We're checking people in very, very late," Emmett said.

At the same time, people planning to catch the first ferry in the morning are having to leave even earlier to make sure they get a spot, often opting out of breakfast at the Inn on their way.

"It's definitely having an impact because people are very annoyed," Emmett said.

"I think more and more people are taking the bridge."

Ferry service has been disrupted this year after serious repairs were needed for the 40-plus-year-old Holiday Island.

Although Northumberland Ferries has added one extra sailing each day for the Confederation, that still makes the total number of crossings just over half compared to when both are in service.

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# No same-sex weddings yet

ANGLICAN CHURCH

## Maritime clergy won't be officiating, say bishops

Anglican bishops in the Maritimes say they will not allow their clergy to participate in same-sex weddings for the time being, even as some bishops elsewhere have given the green light.

The Canadian church narrowly voted last week at its General Synod to allow same-sex marriage, but the resolution still needs affirmation at the 2019 synod before it becomes church law.

Although some Ontario bishops said they will immediately allow priests to officiate at same-sex weddings, Bishop Ron Cutler of the Nova Scotia and P.E.I. diocese and Bishop David Edwards of New Brunswick say they won't follow suit.

"I spoke against the motion and you should know I voted against it," Edwards said in a pastoral letter. "I wish you all to understand that I voted as I did for two reasons: my understand-



The General Synod resolution got the required two-thirds vote to pass. The church's current marriage canon does not specifically ban same-sex marriages. JEFF HARPER/METRO

**I spoke against the motion and you should know I voted against it.**  
Bishop David Edwards

ing of the nature of marriage; and my concerns for some of our indigenous peoples and allied to this, issues around the Anglican Communion."

Cutler said in a Facebook post the change was supported by

all delegates from Nova Scotia and P.E.I., including himself, but he wants to consult other diocese leaders before changing practices.

"At this moment I am not willing to give a similar permission

(as some bishops elsewhere)," he said. "With the bruises of this highly divisive debate still fresh, I am hoping that we can take the time to speak and listen to one another, together shaping a diocesan response."

Cutler noted that his diocese already offers blessings for same-sex couples who have been married in civic ceremonies.

Edward said he believes

"everyone" should be included in the life of the church, and he said he is still coming to terms with the implications of the vote.

"I would ask those who feel uncomfortable... to bear with us. We do not know what the future holds and I ask that we stay together for the sake of the Gospel," Edward said.

The vote at the General Synod — which was close enough that a tabulating error briefly left the impression the change had been voted down — exposed deep fault lines in the church.

Northern representatives in particular opposed the move, with Yukon Bishop Larry Robertson leaving the floor in protest, saying he was angered at what he called an adversarial process.

"This process has been wrenching for our whole church, especially the members of the LG-BTQ+ community," Cutler noted in his post. "The aftermath of this roller coaster of emotions left most members of synod absolutely drained."

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EMERGENCY

## Couple files complaint against hospital

A New Brunswick woman says she has filed a complaint after a hospital told her to call an ambulance even though she drove her ailing husband right up to the emergency room doors.

Candy Price of Riverview, N.B., says she drove her husband, Scott Macdonald, to the Moncton Hospital on July 13 with crippling back pain.

Price says Macdonald was unable to sit or walk, was sweating profusely and was wailing in pain.

She says when they arrived at the hospital, she went inside to find help but was told by a nurse and security guard that she needed to call 911 so paramedics could bring Macdonald into the hospital.

Price says the paramedics who attended the scene appeared to be in disbelief that they were called upon to help the man from the vehicle and through the doors of the hospital just metres away.

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## POLITICS

## PM to create youth council

Justin Trudeau is asking youths ages 16 to 24 to help shape the future of Canadian policy.

Trudeau unveiled his plans for Prime Minister's Youth Council on Twitter Tuesday in a live question-and-answer session.

"I'm looking forward to showing young people and showing all Canadians that young people's voices and input matter deeply," he said in a video posted on Twitter ahead of the Q&A session.

The non-partisan council, Trudeau's own initiative, will provide input on national issues such as employment, education and climate change. The council will meet with the prime minister in person in October, and again in 2017.

"You can expect that #pmyouthcouncil will be driven by youth themselves, and will cover issues that you say matter," Trudeau said on Twitter.

Online applications begin Friday, and close on August 12. Trudeau said members will be selected for their community involvement and leadership experience, amongst other criteria. Members can serve up to a two-year term, and can expect to spend about 10-20 hours a month on council-related activities.

Meetings will be held across the country and participants will be compensated for their time, and travel expenses.

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Justin Trudeau

# Wynne wants to talk pot with her fellow premiers at meeting

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Premier plans to ask for counterparts' thoughts

As Canada's provincial and territorial leaders gather for their annual summer conference, Premier Kathleen Wynne wants the inside dope from her colleagues about legalized recreational marijuana.

"I can tell you I'm going to ask people what they're thinking about it," Wynne said.

Her comments come as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government prepares to end the prohibition of marijuana.

Trudeau has appointed former deputy prime minister

Anne McLellan to lead a task force of medical and legal experts to consult with provinces, municipalities, and Canadians before releasing a report in November that will serve as the template of next year's legislation.

While marijuana is not on the meeting's formal agenda, Wynne said there will be "opportunities for us in casual conversation."

"I'll certainly be saying, 'How are you guys dealing with this? You know what I'm saying; what are you saying?'"

Here's where some of her fellow premiers stand on the subject of marijuana:

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** Premier Christy Clark has expressed concern on the effects of weed on children and teenagers.

"We need to make sure that young people whose brains are



Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne THE CANADIAN PRESS

growing, will not be allowed unfettered access to getting marijuana," Clark told Global News in December. "Just like we have with alcohol ... (if) it's something that government is prepared to endorse and allow, we should make sure that the rules are very clear that we don't want young people to be using it," she said.

**NOVA SCOTIA** Premier Stephen McNeil's government has a working group examining the issue, including whether weed should be sold at government-owned Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation stores.

"Canadians are asking for it, Canadians believe it's time to have marijuana legalized," McNeil said in April, noting "I'm sure there will be tax revenue, yes."

**QUEBEC** Premier Philippe Couillard's government, which owns the Société des alcools du Québec monopoly, has said it does not want marijuana sold on SAQ shelves.

Finance Minister Carlos Leitao said in February that they have "no plan, no idea, no intention of commercializing" cannabis.

**MANITOBA** Premier Brian Pallister said in April that legalization is "a concern for parents, it's a concern for all ... that this be done properly."

**SASKATCHEWAN** Premier Brad Wall's government, meanwhile, has three of his cabinet ministers studying how legalized weed will affect road safety.

"I don't think we have clear answers on the potential effects on driver safety and what the plan is to prevent impaired driving due to marijuana use," Wall said in May.

"There are still too many accidents and deaths due to drunk drivers and all governments are taking steps to crack down on that. Legalizing marijuana could certainly mean more impaired drivers, which no one wants," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## HEALTH

## Canadian-made Zika traps heading to Rio



Gilbert Ngabo  
Metro | Toronto

A team of entrepreneurs based in Toronto is doing its part to ease Zika virus concerns among Olympians headed to Rio.

About 250 biodegradable mosquito traps made by upstart Greenlid have been donated to the Canadian Olympic Committee and will be placed around areas where the athletes are living and training while in Brazil.

Jackson Wyatt, co-founder of Greenlid, said the goal is to create a "mosquito shield on the perimeter of where our athletes will be."

Wyatt and his brother, Morgan, started producing the paper-based traps about two years ago, out of their passion to eliminate plastics in the

fight against mosquitoes.

Since then, they've shipped thousands of traps to Australia where the government uses them to fight off dengue fever. About 10 other countries are running similar trials, including Brazil, Ecuador, Nigeria, Pakistan and Indonesia.

Each biodegradable trap costs about \$1, which is almost five times cheaper than traditional plastic traps or mosquito nets, Wyatt said.

For every trap purchased, Greenlid donates another one to charities working in communities most affected by mosquito-borne illnesses.

For the two brothers, the beauty lies in simplicity.

"We just drop the trap off, just fill it with water and insecticide and just kind of forget it," said Wyatt. "No education burden or literacy needed. It's just the simplest of things."



Morgan Wyatt, Jackson Wyatt and Adil Qawi. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

## IN BRIEF

### Dramatic takedown as teen points gun to her head

Winnipeg police say officers who tackled a masked teenager standing with a gun to her head in the city's downtown Tuesday handled the situation perfectly.

The girl removed the mask, attempted to walk away with the gun and was taken down by an officer and arrested. METRO



A woman in a mask points a gun to her head. CONTRIBUTED

## Pokémon Go helps cancer patient stay active



Lisa Freedman HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Toronto woman has incorporated Pokémon Go into her cancer treatment plan.

Sixty-year-old Lisa Freedman, a lawyer, has to walk at least 20 minutes a day to help recover from the radiation used to treat her breast cancer.

But the treatment has left her fatigued. "I have no energy to get off the couch," she said.

And when she did find the energy to go on walks, she said

it was boring.

"When I walked, I didn't have a purpose," she said.

So her 22-year-old son told her to download the mobile Pokémon Go app to give her a reason to walk around outside.

The cellphone-based game sends players into the real world to search for digital monsters, who appear on screen when users hold up their iPhones or Android devices in various loca-

tions at various times.

"For the last couple of days I've been happily walking around the neighbourhood, finding Pokémon," Freedman said. "This way I'm not thinking about the cancer and, you know, it's fun."

But she says her best catch so far was her first. It pops up when you first register for an account, wherever you happen to be. And Freedman was in bed.

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**"I've put it off long enough."**

ATTEMPTED COUP

## Tens of thousands lose jobs in Turkey

Asserting that "all the evidence" points to a U.S.-based Muslim cleric as the mastermind of last week's failed coup, Turkey's government on Tuesday fired tens of thousands of teachers, university deans and others accused of ties to the plot and demanded the cleric's extradition.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan raised the issue in a phone call with U.S. President Barack Obama, and his spokesman said the government was preparing a formal extradition request for the cleric, Fethullah Gulen. But he also suggested that the U.S. government shouldn't require the facts before extraditing him.

"A person of this kind can easily be extradited on grounds of suspicion," said the spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin. "And there is very strong suspicion for his involvement, for Gulen's involvement, in this coup attempt. So this is sufficient ground."

Later, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said that Turkey had submitted materials related to Gulen and the administration was reviewing whether they amounted to a formal extradition request. Earnest added that a decision

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**Tuesday's dismissals touched every aspect of government life.**

The latest purges were intended to blunt the influence of Gulen, an Erdogan rival who has been in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania since the late 1990s and who the government has long accused of being behind a "parallel terrorist organization."

The government announced the firing of nearly 24,000 teachers and Interior Ministry employees and demanded the resignations of another 1,577 university deans.

on whether to extradite would be made under a longstanding treaty between the two countries, and wouldn't be made by Obama.

Gulen has strongly denied the government's charges, suggesting that Friday's attempted coup could have been staged as a pretext for the Erdogan government to seize even more power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



People wave Turkish flags during a meeting in support of the Turkish president in Istanbul on Tuesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

GERMANY

## Train attacker vowed 'revenge' on 'infidels'

A 17-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker vowing "revenge on these infidels" went on an axe-and-knife rampage on a train in southern Germany, wounding five people before being shot and killed by police — an attack that German authorities conceded Tuesday was almost impossible to prevent.

German officials didn't identify the attacker or the victims, but Hong Kong's immigration department said among those wounded were four members of a family of five from the southern Chinese city.

At least one member of the Chinese family and another

woman attacked outside the train were in life-threatening condition, according to Bamberg prosecutor Erik Ohlenschläger.

Daesh claimed responsibility for the Monday night train attack, which came less than a week after the Bastille Day truck attack in Nice, France, also claimed Daesh, in which 84 people were killed.

Bavaria's top security official Joachim Herrmann said, while the Nice attack was "clearly another dimension," in both cases the choices of weapons and targets made them "extremely difficult to prevent in any fashion."

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Delegates hold signs and celebrate during the second day of the Republican National Convention on Tuesday in Cleveland, Ohio. The convention nominated Donald Trump as their presidential standard-bearer. GETTY IMAGES



# Trump nominated amid plagiarism controversy

U.S. ELECTION

## Campaign insists no evidence of plagiarism

The plagiarism accusations centre on Monday night's well-received speech by Republican nominee Donald Trump's wife, Melania Trump. Two passages — each 30 words or longer — matched a 2008 Democratic convention address by Michelle Obama nearly word-for-word.

Trump's campaign managed only to keep the controversy alive on Day 2 of the convention by insisting there was no evidence of plagiarism, while offering no explanation for how the strikingly similar passages



Melania Trump's speech matched a 2008 speech by Michelle Obama nearly word for word. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

wound up in Mrs. Trump's address. The matter consumed news coverage from Cleveland, obscuring Mrs. Trump's broader effort to show her husband's softer side.

Democrat Hillary Clinton pounced on the tumult, saying the Republican gathering had so far been "surreal," comparing it to the classic fantasy film

"Wizard of Oz."

"When you pull back the curtain, it was just Donald Trump with nothing to offer to the American people," Clinton said.

Top Trump adviser Paul Manafort said the matter had been "totally blown out of proportion."

"They're not even sentences. They're literally phrases. I was impressed somebody did their homework to think that that could be possibly done," Manafort said.

In the midst of the plagiarism allegations, Republicans officially nominated Trump as their presidential standard-bearer, capping the billionaire businessman's stunning takeover of the GOP and propelling him into a November faceoff with Democrat Hillary Clinton.

"I will work hard and never let you down!" Trump quickly

wrote on Twitter following the roll call vote.

Trump's campaign hoped the formal nomination would both end the discord surging through the Republican Party and overshadow the convention's chaotic kickoff, including a plagiarism charge involving Melania Trump's address on opening night.

There were flurries of dissent on the convention floor as states that Trump did not win recorded their votes, but he far outdistanced his primary rivals.

Colorado's Kendal Unruh, a leader of the anti-Trump forces, called the convention a "sham" and warned party leaders that their efforts to silence opposition would keep some Republicans on the sidelines in the fall campaign against Clinton.

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DAY 2

## He carries a gun to protest 'fascist policies'



Micah Naziri  
STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO



All day Tuesday, media swarmed around Micah Naziri, who openly carried an AR-15 assault rifle through the streets.

Naziri said he came to town from his home in Yellow Springs, Ohio, "to protest and oppose Donald Trump's

proposed fascist policies."

"The message I want to send is that if anyone attempts to unconstitutionally and illegally create a fascist police state in the United States, they will be resisted," Naziri said.

While Naziri answered Metro's question, another man badgered him over his head covering, asking if he was a Muslim. Naziri smiled and calmly refused to answer, insisting it was a distraction from the purpose of his protest.

He compared Trump's campaign to Adolph Hitler's in 1932: "His rhetoric was very much like Trump's and in the beginning no one took him seriously."

"There are such large numbers of Trump supporters saying awful things about depriving large groups of people of their constitutional and human rights," he said. "This is something that should be bothering anyone who believes in freedom."



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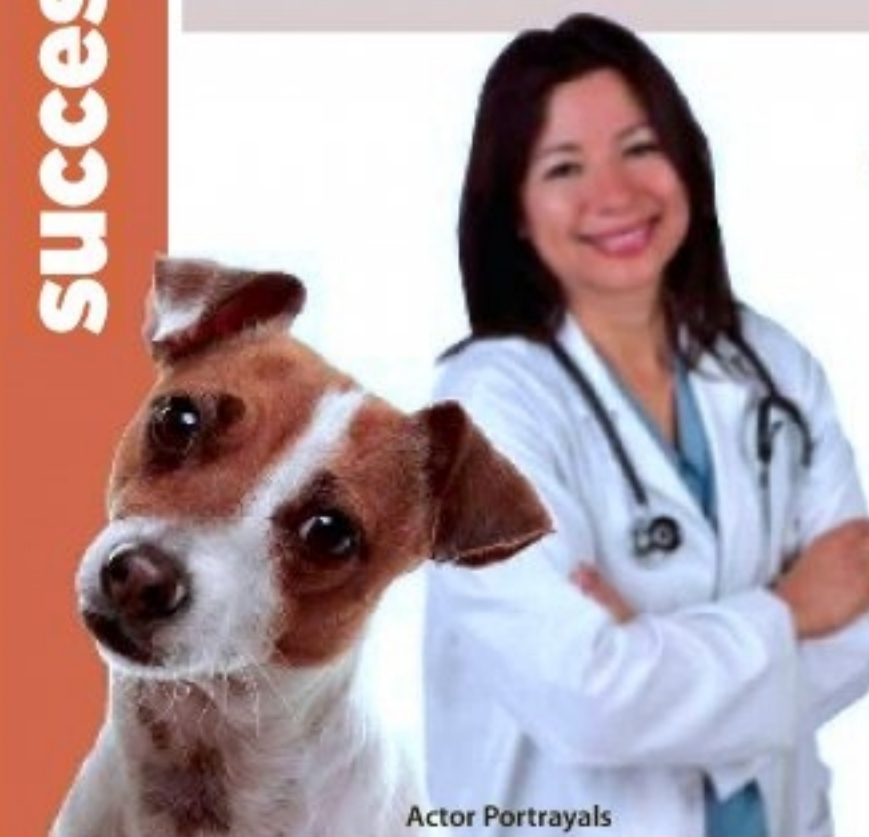


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STATISTICS CANADA STUDY

## Laid-off Canadians go back to school

A new Statistics Canada study says there are significant correlations between job layoffs and full-time enrolment in post-secondary education.

To illustrate its findings, the report released Tuesday said men who lost their jobs in 2008 — at the start of the recession — were five times more likely to register for post-secondary education than those who weren't laid off.

The research found 3.1 per cent of men who lost their jobs that year went back to school on a full-time basis. In contrast, only 0.6 per cent of men who didn't lose their jobs between 2001 and 2011 enrolled in full-time, post-secondary schooling.

Among women laid off in 2008, 3.1 per cent of them enrolled full time in a post-secondary institution, compared with one per cent of women who didn't lose their jobs between 2001 and 2011.

The goal of the paper was to take a closer look at how people respond after losing their job, or even when they anticipate a possible layoff.

"The substantial increases in

### PRE-EMPTIVE

The study found correlations between layoffs and full-time post-secondary education, starting two years before a job loss and the two years that followed a job loss, suggesting some workers concerned about the future of their positions may preemptively enrol in post-secondary institutions as a precaution.

full-time enrolment observed among men and women displaced in 2008 suggest that adult workers respond to job loss by enrolling full time in (post-secondary) institutions," said the report, co-authored by Wen Ci, Marc Frenette and Rene Morissette.

The study also found that, in general, workers laid off between 2001 to 2011 were two to four percentage points more likely than other workers to go to school.

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### IN BRIEF

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Pirate Joe's owner Mike Hallatt, who resells products from U.S. specialty grocery store Trader Joe's, stocks shelves as he works to reopen his store at a new larger location in Vancouver. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Grocery free agents on the rise in Canada

SHOPPING

### Convenience, desire for exclusive items behind trend

It's one of Vancouver's worst-kept secrets.

Since 2012, diehard fans of U.S. grocery chain Trader Joe's have been able to get their hands on Speculoos Cookie Butter and Triple Ginger Snaps at a tiny

storefront in the city's Kitsilano neighbourhood.

The cheekily named Pirate Joe's, which first opened under the guise of a traditional Romanian bakery, has shelves and shelves of more than 1,000 Trader Joe's products and was the brainchild of owner and founder Mike Hallatt.

After being closed for four months, the store is set to reopen this week at a bigger location.

Hallatt says customers gravitate towards his business because of brand loyalty and a frustration

with the choices and prices at his big-box grocery competitors.

Pirate Joe's isn't the only small grocery delivery service in the country.

In November, a husband and wife team started Comfort.to to bring Costco orders to those living in downtown Toronto who don't have a store membership, want to avoid the shopping crowds or lack the time or access to a vehicle to get to the chain's suburban stores.

Since its launch, Comfort.to has had more than 1,200 orders

— sometimes up to 25 deliveries per weekend. Each customer is charged a flat fee of \$10 for a delivery.

The appeal of the service, says 29-year-old founder Vitaliy Savitsky, is that customers, especially those living downtown, want better value on their grocery bills.

Ron Damiani, a spokesman for Costco Canada, says the retailer is a wholesaler and therefore doesn't take issue with Comfort.to reselling its products to people who may not have memberships.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON MELANIA'S PERFORMANCE

**Spousal speeches are intended to humanize candidates. But Donald Trump is committed to a singular, flat caricature. Depth is the antithesis. Humanizing him is the exact opposite of the goal.**

It was either 24 hours of a hot Melania mess, or one more checked box for the Trump campaign.

Either Melania Trump has been humiliated after her Republican convention speech echoed, at times word for word, sections of Michelle Obama's historic 2008 endorsement of her husband, or her speech had more in common with My Little Pony (according to a Republican party strategist) and, anyway, she "hit it out of the park," according to Trump's chief campaign strategist, who may or may not have been responsible for the speech.

Plagiarism allegations aside, Melania Trump offered a relatively flawless execution. Pundits and news outlets politely did not mention the occasional misuse of English. Many seemed careful — if not keen — to help Melania save face for mispronunciations she can't help, while giving a speech she was loath to make.

Nothing's gained from pointing out a few misplaced S's, they calculated. But then again, many pundits suggested nearly nothing at all was gained from the speech. It floated along with empty phrases ("he loves this country so much"), instead of feeding the expectation that we might learn anything interesting or intimate at all about Melania or her husband.

Spousal speeches are intended to humanize candidates, like an exclusive interview with People magazine (You might be surprised to hear it, but Mr. Hotstuff simply hates kale!), and pun-

**A sexy, subservient and substanceless Melania suits the 1950s-white-America nostalgia of Trump's campaign just fine.**

dits weren't feeling they got enough tidbits about Trump's morning bed hair or that one special moment when the facade fell down and he seemed vulnerably human.

But that should not surprise us. As we learned again this week from Trump's *The Art of the Deal* ghostwriter, Tony Schwartz, Trump adores the strongman image. He's

"Women for Trump" event Monday, in which speakers were forced to ask themselves questions because the turnout was so low.

It may have worked. As reported by Julia Ioffe in *Politico* magazine, Republican women ate Melania right up. They loved the dress, they loved her "elegance." They hate Michelle Obama — in-



**ACCORDING TO PLAN** Melania Trump waves after addressing delegates as her husband, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, applauds during the Republican National Convention on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

obsessed with the attention, and the myth. He's committed to a singular, flat caricature. Depth is the antithesis. Humanizing him is the exact opposite of the goal.

It's also doubtful that "Men for Trump" (an actual campaign button sported at the convention) need to see a human, anyways. The demonstrably false image of an omniscient, unimpeachable, and alpha male demagogue seems to be selling just fine.

But women are viewed differently. They are seen to need some kind of soft touch, and given Trump's abysmal polling among that half of Americans, Melania was also expected to help bring the ladies on board. This goal makes further sense given the

sight that was offered without prompting from Ioffe — and were glad to think that, under Melania, "the White House will go back to what it used to be." Besides being beautiful, one cooed, "she's submissive to her husband." Their comments about an outspoken, inelegant Michelle were more subtle examples of the racism and xenophobia on display through the convention's first day, a hum of joyous anger where delegates treated various speakers' anti-immigrant and anti-Islam messages like scripture.

But the darkest atmosphere descended upon mention of one name: Hillary Clinton. It was a viscous sound. Deep and rumbling. Even across the airwaves into a Canadian

apartment, it gave me chills. Imagine being hated that much, I thought. The crowd sounded bloodthirsty, as if, were Clinton to actually arrive, all hell literally could break loose. At its height, a mother of an American government staffer killed in the Benghazi attack whipped up calls for Clinton's imprisonment. And when the plagiarism accusations took over the news cycle Tuesday, it was Clinton who many blamed for seeding the story.

That, of course, is silly. But no Trump fan would mind. What the Melania-speech scandal shows is exactly what we should have learned by now: The narrative, not the truth, is what drives Donald Trump's presidency bid. A sexy, subservient and substanceless Melania suits the 1950s-white-America nostalgia of Trump's campaign just fine.

Clinton is a perfect target for their teeth-gnashing both because she advocates for all the progressive changes wrought since then, and also because she's strong-armed her way out of that traditional wifely role. The sexism that haunted her 2008 bid has gone nowhere. It's actually quite at home — even amplified — in Cleveland. There, hating her for Benghazi hit ludicrous heights, because she's doubly hated as a woman who's defied her traditional role.

This convention has already been dubbed a "horror show" of D-list celebrity speeches, failed insurrections and plagiarism. But that's by people who it was never meant to entertain.

The true unknown in this election is the size of the nominee's target market: those who are susceptible to Trump's messaging, to his persona, to his empty promises. This whole week will be about them.

And that's what makes it all so frighteningly grave.



## Bring home Canadian man trapped in Egypt

**John Greyson**

**Mohamed Fahmy**

**Tarek Loubani**

All three of us have spent substantial time in Egypt's most notorious prisons among thousands of people arbitrarily detained — activists, journalists and regular citizens, Egyptian and non-Egyptian. Tireless advocacy and political lobbying finally helped bring us home, but we left behind those who weren't as lucky.

One of those prisoners is Canadian permanent resident Khaled Al-Qazzaz, a philanthropist, educator, husband and father, whose wife and four children are all Canadian citizens, and who now faces life-threatening injuries as a result of his imprisonment. We believe that the Liberal government under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau can bring him and his family home.

Like many people who are arbitrarily detained, Khaled was not charged with a crime. He was arrested in 2013 and spent hundreds of days in solitary confinement. He was kept in the adjacent cell to Mohamed Fahmy, a journalist with Al Jazeera at the time. As Khaled will surely tell you, it's the sheer physical loneliness that's toughest to deal with, the feeling of being cut off from family and friends. He and Mohamed tried their best to console each other as they dealt with this feeling.

An international campaign, spearheaded by his wife, Sarah, and amplified by thousands of supporters, finally managed to force the Egyptians to release Khaled in late 2014. Khaled's children, excited to see their father after years apart, travelled with their mother to Egypt. The first priority: to get Khaled to a Canadian hospital, where he could finally be treated for a

life-threatening spinal ailment acquired in prison.

The family finally got to the Cairo airport, hoping to fly to Canada together, only to be told by Egyptian officials that Khaled is on the country's no-fly list. Sarah and her kids can leave, but Khaled has to stay. Devastated, they all chose to remain in Cairo. The Egyptian authorities confiscated the money Sarah saved for her husband's spinal treatment, and even froze the family's business assets in Egypt, leaving them financially crippled.

We ask that Prime Minister Trudeau put himself in Khaled's position. What would he do? Would he choose to keep his family close and live under constant threat or would he choose to send his family back home and be cut off from them yet again?

The prime minister can end this nightmare by making a call to President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi. Yet the prime minister has delegated his responsibility to his junior ministers. Why? Releasing us did not hurt Canada-Egypt relations. Releasing Khaled won't either.

Trudeau has not brought Khaled home, though he has announced \$30 million in grants to Egypt with millions more to come.

Khaled and his family can get home if our prime minister makes the call.

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**Tarek Loubani** is a physician

All three were held in Egyptian jails without just cause.

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# Women who are 'lager' than life

## GENDER ISSUES

### Females fighting for place on craft brewing scene

There's no doubt about it — the craft beer industry is booming. The number of licensed breweries in Canada has grown 70 per cent over the past five years. Craft beer sales in Ontario have more than doubled in the same timeframe. In B.C., sales have tripled.

However, even with the boom, there are few women working in the industry, particularly as brewers and in positions of leadership.

And, no, it's not because men drink all of the beer. Women account for 30 to 40 per cent of craft beer consumption. Plus, historically, beer was almost solely produced and sold by women. It wasn't until the Industrial Revolution, when financial opportunities were realized, that the industry shifted.

During a recent craft brewers' panel discussion, Ellen Bounsall, one of the founders of McAuslan Brewing in Montreal said only two women in Canada were involved in brewing when the craft beer industry started in the '80s.

And while there are no hard statistics about the number of



**Erin Kloos, brewer at Grand River Brewing in Cambridge, Ont. says like in many professions, women have to work harder to break into the craft brewing industry.** KATHERINE WISSENZ

women working in the industry in Canada today, it does appear to be slowly on the rise.

CBC recently reported three female head brewers in B.C., of 120 craft breweries. Niagara College offers a brewing program where eight to 22 per cent of the students are female each year. So, while there are no longer just two female brewers in Can-

ada, the industry is still male dominated.

"I think you have to acknowledge that there are disparities between men and women in the brewing world," says Erin Kloos, brewer at Grand River Brewing in Cambridge. "You see it everywhere in society, women have had to work harder to break into sports, politics, business

and essentially every other field, so what would make the beer industry any different?"

Being a woman working in a "man's world" has its share of challenges. Kloos says she's gone to brew planning meetings where the immediate opinions are "to go light, fruity, figure-fitting and spritzzy" when creating something for female consum-

ers. "Most of the beer-drinking women I know, love and appreciate the darkest, hoppiest, booziest stuff we've got," she says.

However, the problems don't stop there. Female brewers have shared stories on everything from inappropriate jokes and sexual propositions to not receiving the same respect and acknowledgement in the workplace as their male counterparts.

Garnet Siddall, president of Side Launch Brewing in Collingwood and vice chair of Ontario Craft Brewers acknowledges there has been limited progress made so far. "The women that have joined have done so because they love the industry despite the issues in it," she says. "Any progress has come because of the individuals who have forged their way bravely into the mix. And they haven't always had a warm welcome."

Ken Beattie, executive director of the B.C. Craft Brewers Guild, which is run by an entire male board, declined to comment, but offered several names of B.C. female brewers.

However, the women working in the craft beer industry have recognized the need to support their peers and have created various groups and events to do so, such as International Women's Collaboration Brew Day, Barley's Angels and the Society of Beer Drinking Ladies.

The association of Ontario

## KLOOS' PICKS

"I'm a huge fan of **Steamworks**, headed by Julia Hanlon out in Vancouver," says Kloos. "Not only for the awesome recipes she has developed, but also for the atmosphere in the brewery."

"Nicole Hynes from **Sweetgrass Brewing** in Toronto is developing some delightfully current brews," says Kloos. She's also a fan of **Side Launch** and **Garrison Brewing Co.** in Halifax.

Craft Brewers is also developing a strategy to support women in the industry. "We need to address the issue, admit there is one and collect some basic data. We need a baseline from which to measure our progress," says Siddall.

"Then we need to figure out what the specific problems are. Marketing? Hiring? Education? Work environments? What exactly is it that is preventing women from entering the field that they created? Once that basic legwork is done then we can begin to address them."

"Very basic stuff, but we have to start somewhere."

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## RECIPE

# Keep your cool this summer with quick-cooking vermicelli

Your city keeps issuing heat alerts. You want something that won't heat up your tiny kitchen — filling, but light enough that it won't make you sleepier than the heat does.

This quick vermicelli dish is for you.

These thin noodles made from rice are a staple at Asian grocers, but large supermarkets stock them to appeal to the Asian population (as well as the gluten-free crowd).

The noodles come in different shapes, from the broad, flat noodle used in pho to the thin, hairlike strands used in stir fries. It's the latter that you want for this recipe.

These thin noodles take just a minute or two to cook when submerged in hot water, meaning minimal cooking time.

When tender, rinse the noo-

dles under cold running water to stop the cooking process and turn them into a cold dish. Toss noodles in whatever vegetables you have, firm tofu cubes (seared or cold), fresh mint leaves to give it a cool herbal note, and a splash of sweet chili sauce for flavour.

Match the delicate texture of the rice noodles by shredding or slicing vegetables very thinly and by dicing the tofu into small cubes.

This way, every bite with have equal parts noodle, vegetable and protein rather than a big hunk of carrot with a few strands of vermicelli hanging off it.

### Cold vermicelli with tofu and vegetables

Serves 1

Make this on a hot evening after



**You can toss this dinner together, no sweat.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

a long day at work, or scale up the recipe and a colourful array of vegetables, proteins and herbs for a beautiful and tasty group meal.

### Ingredients:

- 1 handful dried thin rice noodles (vermicelli)
- 1 tsp (5 mL) olive oil
- 1 cup (250 mL) bite-sized firm tofu cubes
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped

green beans

- Sweet chili sauce, to taste
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) grated carrot
- 5 to 6 cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 avocado thinly sliced
- Fresh mint leaves, to garnish

### Directions:

**1.** In a large heatproof bowl, submerge rice noodles in boiling water, swirling noodles until tender, about 1 minute. Drain and rinse under cold water, making sure strands don't stick together. Set aside.

**2.** In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Sauté tofu cubes and green beans until both start turning golden brown.

**3.** In a serving bowl, toss tofu and beans with noodles, chili

sauce, carrot and tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Top with avocado and mint. Serve immediately.

**Alternative herbs:** If fresh mint isn't available, try basil and cilantro as they match the Thai flavours of the sweet chili sauce. Just make sure to chop the herbs finely if the leaves are really big.

**More topping ideas:** Treat the noodles as a base and the rest is up to you. Opt for crunchy vegetables to contrast the texture of the soft noodles: grated raw beet, zucchini ribbons, chopped green onion, diced peppers. Peanuts and cashews also add crunch and a nuttiness that complements the sauce.

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**ROSE REISMAN THE SAVVY EATER**

**THIS WEEK:** Iced coffee

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**HERE'S WHY**



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The heat of summer doesn't deter us from getting our caffeine fix. While blended iced beverages are tasty and filling, we shouldn't be drinking our calories. If you're craving a cool coffee drink, stick to the original, not the fancy flavoured drinks. Between the whipped cream and the vanilla and chai flavour base, you're adding creamy calories, fat and loads of sugar. A regular iced coffee, made with 18% cream, has over three times less calories, fat and sugar. To make it even less of an indulgence, get it made with milk and ask for half the sugar.

**TREND**

# Celery — the veg that gets no credit

When Master Chef judge Graham Elliot was asked to name the most underused vegetable, his reply was immediate: Celery! "I love it for the crunch, and for its slight bitter edge," says the celebrated Chicago chef and restaurateur.

"You can juice it, shave it into salads, pickle it, garnish a cocktail, make stock ... there are so many things you can do with celery," says Elliot, "and it's inexpensive."

Fellow cookbook author Barbara Kafka agrees, calling celery "massively ignored except in chicken soup or tuna salad."

She could have added Ants on a Log, the popular kid's snack of celery sticks stuffed with peanut butter and dotted with raisins.

The sturdy green stalks weren't always so unloved. During medieval times, wizards believed celery seeds could help them fly. And celery leaves, which most of us discard, were woven into garlands found in the tomb of Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.

We can probably thank the French for forcing us to buy a bunch of celery every time we



**Some chefs claim celery is 'massively ignored' except for soups or stews.** ISTOCK

make a soup or stew. In a mirepoix (soffritto in Italian), chopped celery is sautéed gently with onions and carrots for a flavourful base. The leaves are also bundled into a bouquet garni with bay leaves, parsley and thyme sprigs to flavour stock.

Now that meals have morphed into an all-day graze, celery is a superstar. Its portability and refreshing crunch — it's actually 95 per cent water — makes it an ideal snack. As Elliot says, crunch away! TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**FOOD BRIEFS**

**Inception a wine for all**

While every wine label tells a story, some are way more War and Peace than they are a haiku. Take the 2012 Inception Deep Layers Red (\$13.95-\$14.99) for example. You'd think being made in the beautiful Stellenbosch region of South Africa from an inspired blend of Shiraz, Petit Verdot and Mourvèdre would be enough of a tale to encourage you to pick up a bottle.

Though it has nothing to do with the wine's creation or taste, Distell, its creator, has built a whole narrative around its name through its front panel. Resembling an artsy tattoo, Inception's label is a graphic cornucopia starring Adam and Eve surrounded by tree branches loaded with hidden images.

Aimed squarely at millennials, it proved a hit with the more mature crowd I hang with at a recent barbecue.

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**JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING**

# With Trump, it's now too serious for jokes

**THE SHOW:** Late Show with Stephen Colbert, July 18, 2016 (CBS)  
**THE MOMENT:** Jon Stewart's cameo

Host Stephen Colbert knocks on the door of a remote cabin. A bearded Jon Stewart answers. "You will not believe who the Republican nominee is," Colbert says, as Stewart takes a sip of tea. "Trump."

Stewart's spit take hits Colbert's face. "The guy who filed for bankruptcy in '91?" He asks. "And '92, and 2004, and 2009? That guy?"

"Same guy," Colbert says. "The guy who looks like an angry cremsicle."

"Decomposing Jack O'Lantern," Stewart says.

Colbert nods. "The guy who said, and I quote, 'I have black guys counting my money. I hate it. The only guys I want counting my money are short guys that wear yamulkes all day.' So you can see why I'm here."

Stewart fetches Colbert's former persona from The Colbert Report. He does his own spit take at the word "Trump." After



**Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert polish off their old personas this week on the Late Show, but it doesn't hold up.** CONTRIBUTED

a commercial. Former Stephen enters the CBS studio on a gold chariot borne by buff, shirtless Uncle Sam's, and riffs on the word "Trumpiness."

It should be comforting to see Stewart and Colbert back in form. Instead, it made me feel slightly ill. Because day one of the U.S. Republican convention was a sickening affair, beginning with racial insults and ending with Melania Trump's plagiar-

ized speech.

Stewart and Colbert's old personas don't hold up, because it feels too late for jokes now. The divide between the issues of the world and Trump's inadequacy to handle them is too serious.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

# Bill Maher takes aim at conventions

**POLITICS**

## Host adds new slots this week and next for U.S. nominations

When did Bill Maher hatch the idea for special Real Time broadcasts during the political conventions?

"Maybe when Donald Trump began talking about riots," Maher replies with a puckish grin.

That was way back in March, when the now-presumptive GOP presidential nominee warned of riots at the convention if any efforts arose to snatch the nomination from him.

Such a thing now seems unlikely, but this week's Republican convention in Cleveland, followed by next week's Democratic shindig in Philadelphia, still promise to be "crazier and more outrageous and more interesting than ever," says Maher, almost smacking his lips.

No wonder he's supplementing his weekly Real Time hour (Fridays at 10 p.m. EDT on HBO) with half-hour popups tonight and tomorrow as well



**Bill Maher will supplement his Real Time hour with half-hour popups tonight and tomorrow as well as July 27 and 28.** CONTRIBUTED

as July 27 and 28 for a rapid response to each night's goings-on.

Also available to non-HBO subscribers by live-streaming on the Real Time YouTube channel, each edition will include a monologue as well as Maher's signature New Rules commentary and, in between, discourse led by Maher with his in-studio guests.

Tonight it will include filmmaker Michael Moore, political correspondent Joy Reid and advice columnist Dan Savage.

Each program is scheduled to

air live at 11 p.m. EDT — that is, unless significant stuff is still happening: "You can't interrupt a riot," Maher cracks.

He isn't the only observer who will cast a special comic eye on the proceedings.

• Comedy Central's Trevor Noah is originating The Daily Show from Cleveland's Breen Center for the Performing Arts this week at 11 p.m. EDT and next week from the University of Pennsylvania.

• CBS's The Late Show with Stephen Colbert (11:35 p.m. EDT) will broadcast live from its New York studio with teams on-site at each convention delivering reports. Each week of live shows will be specially themed: The 2016 Trumpubcan Donational Conventrump and The 2016 Democratic National Convincing.

• TBS's Full Frontal with Samantha Bee (Mondays at 10:30 p.m. EDT) presents a road-to-Cleveland special interviewing regular Americans along the way. It airs tonight at 10:30 p.m. EDT, with hopes for another special pegged to the Democrats' convention.

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## Discount Hub lives up to its name

### The new store offers one-stop shopping that's easy on the wallet

Discount Hub just opened its doors this weekend, aiming to offer up a retail experience unlike anything else in the metro area.

Located at 211 John Savage Avenue in Burnside, Discount Hub offers just about anything one could need at home, including clothing, toys, bedding, sporting goods, electronics and kitchen products.

"It's like a Walmart, Winners, Home Sense, Staples, Giant Tiger and Dollarama all in one," said store manager Mohammad Askari.

The store is able to offer all these items at remarkably low prices as well. "We are buying directly from factories. There is no middleman. That's why we can keep our prices low," says owner Heshmat Askari.

The business has about 4,000 products spread throughout a two-level building which was custom designed just for them.

Some of the products are one-of-a-kind and hard to find elsewhere, such as tiffin

boxes, a type of stackable lunch container popular in Asia. These boxes ensure lunch items stay separate from each other, but the interlocking system ensures the containers take up very little space.

The toy selection at Discount Hub is huge — it takes up an entire wall running the length of the store.

The toys are sturdy, built well and manufactured to meet all safety standards.

Seasonal items are a big focus of Discount Hub's operation. At this time of year, there are tons of toys for the beach. For those looking to do some summer barbecuing, the store carries handy items like a fish grill rack, a tray for veggies, barbecue tools and skewers.

As the seasons change, so will the seasonal items. Once the cold weather hits, Discount Hub will offer competitive deals on winter clothing to help shoppers cope with Nova Scotia's frigid climate.

The vast majority of products at Discount Hub — about 95 per cent — retail for less than \$30, although most items aren't even close in price to that.

Discount Hub will be open seven days a week, Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.



# One of the best in the business



REVIEW

## Already handsome sedan ups its game



**Dan Ilika**  
AutoGuide.com

Some people will tell you midsize sedans don't sell anymore; that they're a dying breed pushed aside by the popularity of the crossover.

Those people are what I like to call "wrong." Sure, crossovers are a big deal these days, but midsize sedans are nothing to scoff at either, with close to three million sold in North America each year.

Which brings us to the 2016 Mazda6. It's not the newest midsize sedan on the market, but it may still hold the title as the best looking — and one of the best in the business.

It's rare that a design language translates so well to so many different forms, but Mazda has accomplished that with its current lineup. Park the 6 alongside any other model in Mazda's stable and the family ties are immediately evident. The few character lines the sedan does have tie in nicely with its muscular shoulders.

Little has been done to the exterior of Mazda's flagship sedan for 2016, save for a revised grille design, while cars in GT trim, like our tester, add LED headlights, fog lights and grille illumination, but the changes only add to

the esthetic appeal of an already handsome sedan.

Of all the cars in the midsize segment, the Mazda6's interior, at least in GT trim, comes closest to encroaching on premium car territory. And it's inside where the most work has been done for this model year, with a host of changes made to improve the cabin's feel and function.

Mazda's Heads-Up Cockpit concept is executed to perfection here, with a driver-focused interior that puts all the controls well within view and reach. The in-dash infotainment screen has been replaced with a freestanding unit à la Audi and Mercedes-Benz, lowering the height of the dash, while the move to an electronic parking brake, a first for Mazda, cuts down on console clutter and makes room for what matters. And what matters is the new infotainment control knob, which proves easy to use while driving, though its functionality is wisely — though at times frustratingly — limited while the vehicle is in motion.

To describe the Mazda6's drive as engaging tells only part of the story. The chassis is nice and stiff and the suspension borders on sporty, but it's pliable enough to make for a comfortable ride.

The only engine available is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, which is a bit disappointing considering what the 6 could be with a larger engine — and considering the class-leading Honda Accord is available with a V6 available under the hood.

Overall though, the Mazda6 Grand Touring hits all the marks that are sure to keep this segment rolling along for years to come.

## THE CHECKLIST | 2016 MAZDA6

### THE BASICS

**Engine:** 2.5L turbocharged four-cylinder  
**Power:** 184 hp, 275 kg/m  
**Transmission:** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic  
**Fuel Economy:** 8.5 L/100 km city, 5.9 L/100 km hwy (automatic w/i-ELOOP)  
**Price:** \$37,390 (as tested)



### LOVE IT

- Impressive cabin quietness
- Upmarket interior feel
- Sharp-looking exterior design

### LEAVE IT

- Underpowered engine
- Regenerative braking system
- Lack of Android Auto/Apple CarPlay

## TECHNOLOGY

# VW, LG collaborate on connected car platform



**Jason Siu**  
AutoGuide.com

Volkswagen has announced a partnership with LG Electronics to develop a next-generation connected car platform.

The two companies have signed a memorandum of understanding on joint research and development on Volkswagen's Cross-Over-Platform, aimed at enhancing vehicle connectivity and convenience. The connected car platform will take advantage



We think LG's expertise in smart technology together with Volkswagen's leadership in the automotive sector will revolutionize the way drivers interact with their vehicles.

Richard Choi, head of LG Cloud Center

of the latest in cloud technology to offer drivers seamless digital access to numerous features, some of which will focus on smart home and location-based services.

In the announcement, Volkswagen said the companies will focus on bringing together the connected car and the smart home so that vehicle owners can control and monitor smart devices in their homes.

That means drivers will be able to control their lights, security systems and domestic appliances, straight from their vehicles.

The two companies will also work on a context-sensitive notification centre that can deliver messages in an intuitive and safe manner, providing optimized recommendations to the driver in real time.

The collaboration will also result in a next-generation

infotainment system for connected cars.

"LG Electronics and Volkswagen are teaming up to develop the next generation of connected car platform that allows wide integration with smart home services and adoption of open IoT connectivity technologies," said Richard Choi, head of LG Cloud Center.

"We think LG's expertise in smart technology together with Volkswagen's leadership in the automotive sector will revolutionize the way drivers interact with their vehicles."

## + WHEELS BRIEF

### Rolls-Royce releases Phantom image

Rolls-Royce is preparing to launch a new flagship Phantom model and the brand has released a teaser image of the car.

While it offers no details on styling, the image shows a Rolls-Royce technician working with the new aluminum architecture that will underpin the re-engineered Phantom.

The all-new Phantom is set to arrive in 2018.

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# metro SPORTS

The San Francisco Giants have signed former Jays pitcher Kyle Drabek to a minor-league deal with the intention of auditioning him as a shortstop

## 5 STAR ATHLETES WHO COULD MISS OUT

Russia is facing a possible ban from next month's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro for its repeated doping scandals. If the ban is imposed, it would shake up the medal standings. Here are five Russian stars whose absences would be greatly felt:

### 1 Nataliya Ishchenko

With three Olympic and 19 world championship gold medals to her name, Ishchenko typifies Russia's total domination of synchronized swimming — it's won every Olympic event this century. If no Russians compete in Rio, China and Spain would fight for the two gold medals on offer.



### 2 Yelena Isinbayeva

The world record holder in the pole vault and a two-time Olympic gold medalist, Isinbayeva would compete at her fifth games in Rio, but she faces extra obstacles to get there. Russia's track and field team is already banned from the games due to widespread doping, and Isinbayeva's hopes rest on a successful appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.



### 3 Aliya Mustafina

She led the Russian gymnastics team which narrowly failed to beat the U.S. to gold in the women's all-around in 2012 and also won individual gold in the uneven bars. While Mustafina has been plagued by injuries since, she bounced back with two European championship gold medals last month. Russia has arguably the world's richest tradition of excellence in gymnastics, and if its athletes aren't in Rio, the U.S. and China will benefit in the medal table.



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### 4 Yulia Efimova

One of the world's top breaststroke sprinters, Efimova spearheads the Russian swim team for Rio despite previous brushes with the anti-doping authorities. She bounced back from a drug ban to win 100-metre gold at last year's world championships in a fiercely competitive race with her longtime rival, Lithuanian teenager Ruta Meilutyte. Efimova missed four months this season after testing positive for meldonium.



### 5 Maxim Mikhaylov

Top scorer when Russia won the men's volleyball competition at London 2012, Mikhaylov would be a formidable opponent in Rio. Host nation Brazil had to settle for silver four years ago but is fired up for a gold medal in front of its home crowd.



#### OLYMPICS

## IOC reviews legal options on Russian ban

With just over two weeks until the opening ceremony, Russia still doesn't know whether its athletes — all or even some — will be competing in the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. It may all come down to the lawyers. While the IOC decided Tuesday to ban from the Rio Games all Russian Sports Ministry officials and other administrators implicated in allegations of a state-run doping program, it delayed a ruling on whether to take the unprecedented step of barring the entire Russian Olympic team.

The International Olympic

Committee said it "will explore the legal options with regard to a collective ban of all Russian athletes for the Olympic Games 2016 versus the rights to individual justice."

The IOC has also said it could let individual international sports federations decide on whether to ban Russians from their events in Rio, just as the

IAAF has done by ruling track and field athletes from the Games. The 28 international federations that govern the individual sports at the summer games have made clear that they do not support a blanket ban.

The IOC's legal options may become clearer after Thursday, when the highest court in sports will rule on an appeal by 68

Russian track and field athletes seeking to overturn their ban from the Games.

Two-time Olympic pole vault champion Yelena Isinbayeva was among those arguing the Russian track and field team's case Tuesday in Geneva at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Should the court rule Thursday in their favour, it would seemingly rule out the chance of the IOC imposing a blanket ban.

If the court upholds the IAAF's exclusion of the track athletes, however, that would keep the possibility of a total ban in play. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**The Olympic movement, which is a tremendous force for uniting humanity, once again could find itself on the brink of division.**

Russian President Vladimir Putin

#### QMJHL

## Swiss forward commits to Moose



Kristen Lipscombe  
Metro | Halifax

Swiss forward Nico Hischier will officially be suiting up for the Halifax Mooseheads next season.

The Mooseheads announced Tuesday that the 17-year-old from Naters, Switzerland, who they selected sixth overall in the 2016 CHL Import Draft last month, has committed to the QMJHL club for the 2016-17 season.

Last season, Hischier scored one goal in 15 games with SC Bern of National League A, the top tier of the Swiss hockey league system, also notching 28 points in 18 games with the

Bern under-20 team.

The six-foot, 172-pound centreman has also represented Switzerland in world championships at both the under-18 and junior levels, and is considered to be a top prospect for the 2017 NHL Entry Draft.

"We are extremely pleased and excited to have a player of Nico's quality join the Mooseheads," general manager Cam Russell said in a news release.

"He is a complete player with experience on the big stage," Mooseheads head coach Andre Tourigny added in the news release. "He will bring offence to our team, but he's effective defensively as well."

Hischier is expected to get to Halifax on Aug. 21.

#### NHL PRE-SEASON

## Leafs-Sens tickets on sale Thursday



Philip Croucher  
Metro | Halifax

It may be the middle of the summer, but it's never too early to think about hockey, right?

Tickets for the Sept. 26 NHL pre-season game between the Toronto Maple Leafs and Ottawa Senators at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax go on sale this

Thursday at 10 a.m.

Ticket prices range between \$65.50 and \$105.50 and can be purchased through Ticket Atlantic or at the Scotiabank Centre box office.

The Halifax date marks the first game on both franchise's pre-season schedule.

The Leafs will also be spending the first part of their training camp at the BMO Centre in Bedford again this fall.



#### IN BRIEF

##### Rio organizers open local ticket website to boost sales

In a late push to boost slow ticket sales ahead of the Aug. 5-21 Olympics, Rio de Janeiro organizers have opened up their local ticket website to the rest of the world. This means that fans outside Brazil can now buy tickets at local rates in Brazilian reals.

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##### Woods out for season

Tiger Woods withdrew from the PGA Championship, the first time he will go an entire year without playing a major. Woods will also not play the remainder of the tour season as he continues to rehab following back surgeries.

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##### WWE sued over head injuries

More than 50 ex-wrestlers, including Jimmy (Superfly) Snuka, say in a Connecticut lawsuit that World Wrestling Entertainment Inc. is responsible for their long-term neurological damage and failed to care for their injuries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

##### Bouchard bounced out of opening round

Italy's Camila Giorgi upset fifth-seed Eugenie Bouchard 7-5, 6-4 in Washington on Tuesday in the first round of the Citi Open.

It's the fourth time in the Canadian's past 10 tournaments that she has lost her opening match.

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# RECIPE Salmon and Zucchini Skewers



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

Rich, Asian flavours elevate this simple and healthy meal to something elegant enough to serve to guests.

**Ready in**  
Prep time: 25 minutes  
Total time: 35 minutes

## Ingredients

- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 3 filets of salmon
- 2 or 3 small zucchinis

## Directions

1. Soak wooden skewers in water for at least 20 minutes.

2. Whisk together the ginger, soy, vinegar and sesame oil. Place salmon filets in the marinade for 20 minutes

3. Remove the salmon from the marinade and cut the filets into chunks — maybe 1 x 2 inches — and set aside. Slice the zucchini into rings and toss in the marinade quickly. Thread the fish and veggies onto the wooden skewers.

4. Preheat your grill or grill pan to medium high and wipe the grill with oil. Place the skewers over the heat and give each side about three minutes before turning. Serve these skewers over steamed rice or a bed of greens.

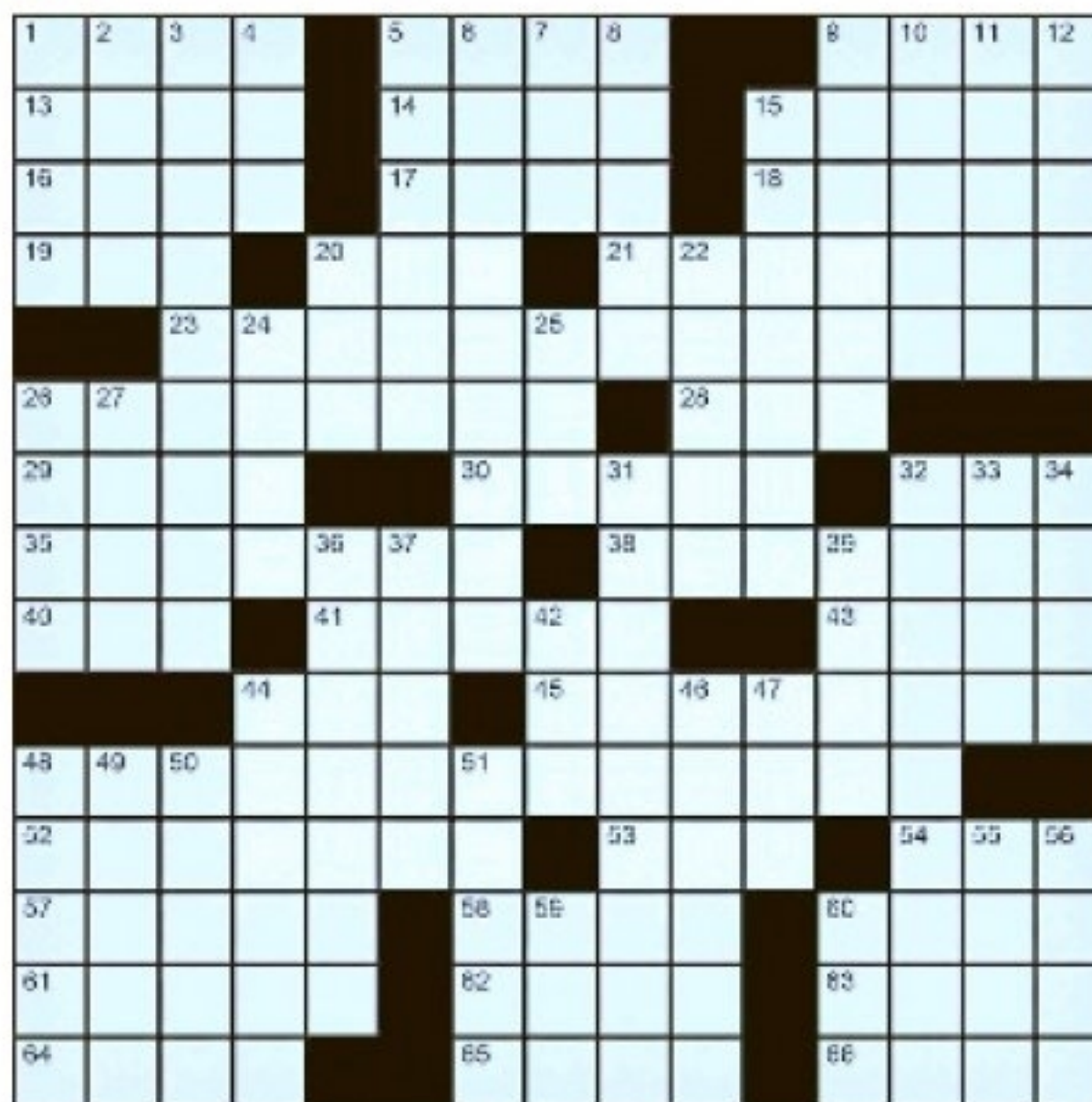
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## ACROSS

1. Medical concern
5. Brother of Cain and Abel
9. Caught the traffic officer's attention
13. Courts
14. British singer Ella
15. "Monte \_" (2011) starring Selena Gomez
16. Cheerful song
17. \_ Admiral
18. \_ oil
19. Fox's characteristic
20. Wanna \_ (Aspirants)
21. One doing some spiffy-ing up
23. Professions of Johnny, Dutch and D'avin on the show at #45-Across: 2 wds.
26. Pantene and Selsun Blue field
28. Baseball great, " \_ Wee" Reese
29. "Dancing Queen" band
30. Legendary Canadian heavy metal band
32. "Rubber Ball" singer Bobby
35. "La Strada" (1954) director Federico
38. Carnivore's completely carnivorous creation's content: 2 wds.
40. Football prop
41. Nobleman's home
43. "The ' \_ 'e knows above a bit..." - Rudyard Kipling
44. Gnarly!
45. Interplanetary



- adventure series on Canadian specialty channel Space
48. Sockeye or Chinook: 2 wds.
52. The Turtles title song lady
53. \_-relief
54. Gremlin
57. Ashton's "That '70s

- Show" character
58. Irish actor Mr. Meaney
60. Danish shoe brand
61. Oxford University college
62. Inkling
63. Quebec 'lakes'
64. 7th Greek letters

65. Fewer
66. Emerald \_

## DOWN

1. Pointed tools
2. Spring
3. Religious read: 2 wds.
4. Superlative suffix
5. \_ Joy (Former tel-

- evangelist character in Margaret Atwood novel The Handmaid's Tale)
6. Looking into a computer screen too long woe
7. 1708 Attilio Ariosti opera, Amor \_ Nemici

8. Pulitzer-winning journalist Seymour
9. Military greeting
10. Cost
11. Young eel
12. Getting-things-done people
15. Rock singer/songwriter Chris (Soundgarden and Audioslave)
20. Tampa Bay footballer, for short
22. Iris centre
24. Toothbrush brand, \_-B
25. Languish
26. Knife handle
27. Have \_ in one's bonnet
31. Fluctuating factors
32. Kirstie Alley sitcom, " \_ Closet"
33. Simple
34. Sherbrooke 'summers'
36. "How silly of me to believe you ...yet again!": 3 wds.
37. Rock bottom
39. Magic'spell
42. Sanctions, shortly
44. Washes
46. Certain cud-chewers
47. Initials-sharers of The Bionic Man's portrayer
48. Tea, Orange \_
49. Aware
50. Salsa singer Ms. Cruz
51. Mr. B. DeMille
55. Gladiator's 1250
56. Model
59. Poetic tribute
60. Inventor Mr. Whitney

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
This is a good day to discuss the care and education of children. It's also a good day to lay the groundwork for social or sports events.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You might see ways to make practical and beautiful improvements to where you live. What can you do to make your home run more efficiently and beautifully?

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Serious discussions with others will go well today. This is a good time to make plans for the future when talking to siblings, relatives and neighbors.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
If shopping today, you might find things that are both practical and beautiful. Meanwhile, this is an excellent day for business and commerce, because you see secure ways of making money.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Today you are realistic about protecting what you own. If shopping for clothing you will buy practical, long-lasting and beautiful items.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
If you work alone or behind the scenes today, you will be amazed at your accomplishments. That's because you are goal-oriented and willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Listen to good advice from someone older or more experienced. In particular, this applies to discussions about the arts, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You will impress parents, bosses and people in authority with your ideas today. They see that you take your obligations seriously, and that you see many angles to things.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
It's easy to study today, because you want to learn something new. Furthermore, you will take your time to plow through something dry and tedious to get what you want.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
This is an excellent day to smooth troubled waters about inheritances or disputes about shared property. Both parties will see ways to arrive at a mutually beneficial agreement.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Sit down with a close friend or partner and discuss the obligations of the relationship. You can solve problems today; people understand what is realistic.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You can get a lot done at work today, because co-workers are cooperative. In addition, you will see practical ways to elegantly do things. Bravo!

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